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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, KS

SUBJECT: SENATOR WEICKER INQUIRY ABOUT HEALTH OF STEPHEN MUN

1. AMBASSADOR HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM SENATOR LOWELL WEICKER, JR., ASKING ABOUT THE HEALTH OF MYONGDONG PRISONER STEPHEN MUN (MUN TONG-HWAN). TO SPEED REPLY EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PASSING INFORMATION IN THIS CABLE TO SENATOR.

2. EMBASSY HAS RAISED QUESTION OF CONDITIONS OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS, AND STEPHEN MUN IN PARTICULAR, WITH ROKG. IN ADDITION, SENATOR WEICKER'S SPECIAL CONCERN WILL BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO MET PERSONALLY WITH MRS. MUN.

3. ROKG HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY IN CONFIDENCE DATA ON PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF MYONGDONG PRISONERS. REPORT JUST RECEIVED COVERS PERIOD UP TO MAY 16. ALTHOUGH REPORT NOTED DR. MUN WAS SUFFERING FROM DIGESTIVE DISORDER, HIS GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS "GOOD". AT THE TIME OF THE REPORT, DR. MUN WAS TAKING REGULAR PRISON MEALS PLUS SUPPLEMENTS OF NOODLES, EGGS, CAKE AND CANDY. HIS CELL IS REPORTEDLY ABOUT 64 SQUAREFEET IN AREA WITH TWO WINDOWS PROVIDING LIGHT AND VENTILATION.

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4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE MONITORING STATUS OF DR. MUN AND OTHER MYONGDONG PRISONERS.
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